

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Retail Access Optimization Initiative

Docket No. N2011-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
CONCERNING OUTSTANDING DISCOVERY

(Issued September 1, 2011)

To date, the Postal Service has responded to a significant number of discovery requests in compliance with the abbreviated response time established in this docket. In several responses, the Postal Service committed to providing library references concerning the Retail Access Optimization Initiative (RAOI) for the record. The Postal Service has not, however, provided a date certain for several of the outstanding library references and discovery responses.

By September 6, 2011, the Postal Service is directed to provide specific estimates of dates when responses, including all applicable data or library references, will be available for the following discovery responses:

1. The source for the statement that “approximately 85 percent of postal retail revenue is generated from the sale of postage.” See Response of the United States Postal Service to Public Representative Interrogatories PR/USPS-T1-4 and 5 Redirected from Witness Boldt, August 8, 2011, at T1-5.

2. The driving distances to the nearest alternate retail locations for each facility under consideration in the RAOI. See Responses of United States Postal Service Witness Boldt to Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 1, August 9, 2011, question 14.
3. Walk-in revenue figures for each facility, and data reflecting the combined earned workload for mail distribution, Post Office Box delivery, and retail window service activity used to determine whether the facilities exceeded the "low earned workload" threshold. See Responses of the United States Postal Service to NAPUS Interrogatories NAPUS/USPS-T1-1 through T1-22, August 15, 2011, at T1-8 (Response to NAPUS).
4. POS terminal distribution by CAG level. See Response to NAPUS at T1-16.
5. Hours of operation, facility finance numbers, and street addresses for facilities in the RAOI. See Response of the United States Postal Service to APWU Interrogatories APWU/USPS-T1-1 and T1-3 through 5, August 23, 2011, at T1-1.
6. Response to Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 2, question 12, concerning the Yezer research. See United States Postal Service Responses to Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 2, August 30, 2011.

RULING

The Postal Service shall provide, no later than September 6, 2011, a date that library references or other responsive information shall be filed for the six items listed in the body of this Ruling.

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